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"RED" STATE IN HEART OF CHINA

Shansi-Kansu Anti-Nanking Alliance Formed

The Soviet's New Constitution

Moscow, To-day.
The new constitution of the Soviet Union was unanimously approved yesterday, during the final extraordinary session of the 17th annual Congress of the Soviets.
M. Stalin will assume a post equivalent to that of President under the constitution. — Trans-Ocean.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL CHANGES IN KWANGTUNG

REORGANISATION ON BIG SCALE

NEW MAYOR FOR CANTON

Canton, To-day.
It is rumored that the Kwangtung Provincial Government will shortly undergo a complete reorganisation following the indisposition of General Huang Mu-chung, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government who is on sick leave.

It is stated that Mr. Tang Shao-yi, the Kuomintang veteran and former magistrate of Chung Shan, will be appointed as General Huang's successor. The Committee of the Provincial Council and heads of various departments will also be changed.

It is also learned from official quarters that Mayor Tseng Yang-fu will be transferred to Nanking to take up another official appointment in the capital and the mayors in Canton will be filled by General Li Kuei-wen, chief of Political Training of the Fourth Route Army.

General Huang Mu-chung will resume his former post as the head of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission at Nanking. — Union News.

FRENCH AIR DASH TO TOKYO

Doret And Michelette Leave Karachi

Karachi, To-day.
The French airmen, Doret and Michelette, on their attempt to break the record from Paris to Tokyo, arrived at Karachi at 5 a.m. to-day and took off again for Allahabad three hours later.

It is considered probable that they will attempt a direct hop from Allahabad to Hanoi. — Reuter.

WAGES RISE IN BRITAIN

Record Proportional Increase

London, To-day.
The Minister of Labour informed the House of Commons at question time that in those industries for which statistics were regularly compiled, changes in the rates of wages reported during the year just ended, were estimated to have resulted in net increase of £487,000 to the workpeople.

It was estimated that in the industries for which information was available the average level of wages rose by about three per cent. during the period, the largest proportional increase in any year since 1924. — British Wireless.

INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED TO BE PROCLAIMED

CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNISTIC STATE IN SHENSI AND KANSU, WHICH MAY POSSIBLY ENLARGE ITSELF BY COMBINING WITH INNER MONGOLIA AND SINKIANG, ALREADY UNDER MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE, IS NOW ENVISAGED AS A LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE SHENSI CRISIS.

Foreign observers estimate that with the backing of Yu Hsueh-chung and the communists, the rebel leader, Yang Hu-chien, has over 250,000 men at his disposal.

Chang Hsueh-liang's North-Western Army is believed to be definitely allied with the rebellion.

HSIN PEKING IS BADLY HOLED

ALL PASSENGERS NOW SAFE

BEACHING EFFORT TO BE MADE

Shanghai, To-day.
All the passengers of the Butterfield and Swire steamer Hsin Peiking which struck Nemes Rock near Ningpo early yesterday morning and is still hard on the reef, have been safely transferred to rescue ships.

Damage to the Hsin Peiking is feared to be extensive but an attempt is to be made to-morrow to refloat her and then beach her nearby.

If the operation is carried out successfully, she will then be temporarily patched up and be brought to Shanghai under her own steam. — Reuter.

REICH ATTACKS CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Comment In House Of Commons

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons whether His Majesty's Government were aware of the campaign of anti-Czechoslovak propaganda being carried on in the German press.

Lord Cranborne, who replied for Mr. Eden, said His Majesty's Government had not failed to observe that a number of articles had recently appeared in German newspapers containing attacks on Czechoslovakia.

"The maintenance of good neighbourly relations between these countries is naturally the desire of His Majesty's Government and I am glad to have this opportunity of making this clear." — British Wireless.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone covers China and Manchuria. A shallow depression is moving slowly eastward to the south of Japan. — Forecast. — N and N. E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.



Herr Hitler, who is contemplating a direct reply to Mr. Eden's speech when he addresses the Reichstag next week.

HITLER TO MAKE DIRECT REPLY TO MR. EDEN

BRITISH APPEAL FOR COLLABORATION

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE

Berlin, To-day.

It is expected in well-informed quarters that Herr Hitler will reply publicly to Mr. Anthony Eden's speech in the House of Commons last Tuesday, wherein an appeal was made to Germany to co-operate with other nations for peace.

Hitler is, at the present moment, studying the full text of Eden's speech at Berchtesgaden and the reply is expected to be delivered at the special meeting of the Reichstag on January 30.

Meanwhile further Franco-German conversations have taken place and, according to diplomatic circles, the question of negotiations is in the air. It is believed, however, that Herr Hitler is pondering in the Bavarian mountains, on the advisability of making a definite statement as to whether Germany will be prepared to meet the would-be negotiators halfway, provided the other side is ready to negotiate with Germany on a basis of perfect equality. — Reuter.

M.C.C. MASTER BOWLING

Barnett Gets His 1,000 For Tour

Adelaide, To-day.

C. J. Barnett, the Gloucester batsman, completed his thousand runs for the M.C.C. tour of Australia shortly after the lunch interval, to-day, when in the match against South Australia, he had scored 47 not out.

The M.C.C. established a complete mastery of the South Australian attack and settled down to score 66 without loss at lunch time.

With the hit on resumption, that gave him his 1,000 runs, Barnett reached a total of 47 out of 87 for 0 without. — Reuter.

Pope Feared To Be Sinking

Vatican City, To-day.
His Holiness the Pope's condition was considered to be precarious last night and fears are now expressed of gangrene setting in.

Gloom has settled over the Vatican where it is felt that His Holiness is sinking. — Reuter.

JAPANESE DIET DISSOLVED

HIROTA CABINET CRISIS

SEQUEL TO HOUSE DEMONSTRATIONS

Tokyo, This Afternoon.

The Hirota Cabinet has decided to dissolve Parliament in consequence of the strong hostility to the Government which marked yesterday's session of the Diet.

The extraordinary scenes led to suspension of the sitting. The Cabinet decision this afternoon presumably means that a new election will be ordered.

Both Houses reflected much the same attitude.

DEAD SILENCE

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, had far from enthusiastic reception when the Diet reassembled.

The House of Peers greeted the ministerial speeches in dead silence, while in the Lower House the speeches were interrupted by jeers and laughter and cries of "no."

The voice of the Premier was drowned when he tried to reply to an interpellator and finally he angrily left the rostrum.

IMPERIAL RESCRIPT

At the request of Mr. Hirota, an Imperial Rescript was read suspending the Diet session for two days in the hope that meanwhile the political parties will alter their hostile attitude towards the Government.

The position in the Diet is reported to have developed seriously following a statement by Mr. Hamada, a veteran member of the Seiyukai Party, which the Minister of War, General Teruzumi, alleged was an insult to the Army. — Reuter.

BANDOENG CONFERENCE: MR. R. A. C. NORTH TO ATTEND

It is officially announced that the Honourable Mr. R. A. C. North, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, will represent Hong Kong at the Conference of Central authorities in Eastern Countries which opens at Bandoeng on February 2, 1937.

Mr. North will leave by the P. & O. ship "Ranpara," sailing to-morrow and will be accompanied by Mrs. North.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Paris, To-day.
The newly appointed French Ambassador to Tokyo, M. Arènes Henry, left Paris last night en route to Japan. — Trans-Ocean.

MR. DES VOEUX SUCCEEDS TO BARONETCY

MR. ALFRED EDWARD DES VOEUX, THE WELL-KNOWN HONG KONG EXCHANGE BROKER, IS A BARONET TO-DAY, HAVING SUCCEEDED TO AN OLD TITLE ON THE DEATH OF HIS COUSIN, THE SEVENTH BARONET, SIR FREDERICK DES VOEUX.

Sir Alfred, as presumably he will be known in future, confirmed the news in an interview with the "China Mail" this morning, but was reluctant to discuss his good fortune and did not indicate whether or not it is his intention to proceed to England.

One of the best known figures in local exchange broking circles, he has spent 21 years in the Colony. He has an office in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation building.

Sir Frederick Des Voeux, the late baronet, was nearly 80 years of age and succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1914. He married, in 1899, Hylda Henrietta, C.B.E., daughter of the late Sir Victor Brooke of Fermanagh, but the only issue of the marriage was a daughter.

His death occurred in London recently, it is understood. The new baronet is himself 72 years of age.

PLANE SHIP TO RUN GAUNTLET

MERCANTA BRICO FROM U.S.

FRANCO PATROLS ON WATCH

Gibraltar, To-day.
The steamer, Mercanta Brico, which a fortnight ago left the United States with a cargo of aeroplanes for the Valencia Government, is now about due and the British naval authorities are extremely interested in seeing whether the ship will succeed in reaching a Government port in safety.

The prospect of the steamer passing through General Franco's gunboats stationed in the Straits is regarded as somewhat doubtful, although the Mercanta Brico is considered to have a sporting chance, since it is assumed that the ship has been repainted and the name changed at sea immediately after leaving New York. It is also probable that the steamer is sailing under an assumed flag. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

Reported Offer To M. Delbos

Geneva, To-day.
After the usual lunch given by the League of Nations, attended by all the Council delegates at noon yesterday, the British and French Foreign Ministers, Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Delbos, met at dinner in the evening.

Great significance is attached to this diplomatic dinner because it is said that Mr. Eden offered to act as a mediator between France and Turkey on the question of Alexandretta and Antioch.

In the course of the conversation between Mr. Eden and the Turkish Foreign Minister, Rashid Aras, the first step in this direction was made. This morning deliberations on the Danzig question are to take place between Mr. Eden and the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Beck. — Trans-Ocean.

MALAGA BATTLE

Cavalry Attacks By Insurgents

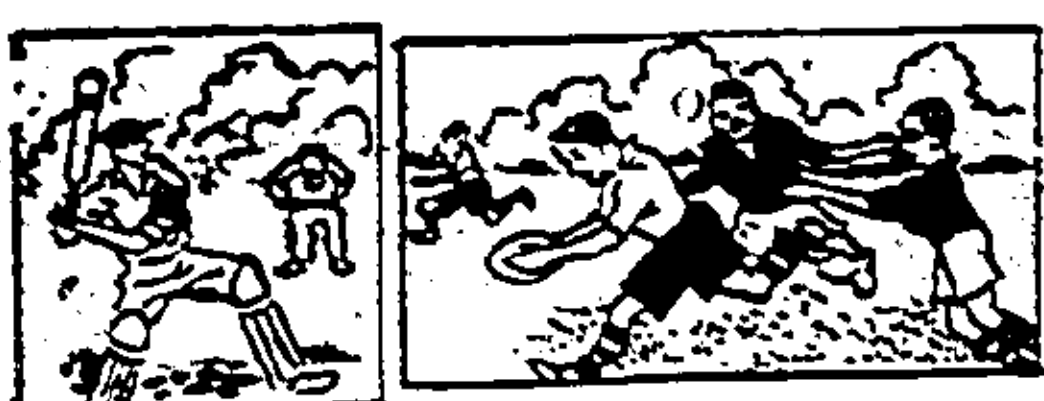
Salamanca, To-day.
General Franco's Southern Army continues its victorious advance on Malaga, the Rebel broadcasting station announced. One squadron of cavalry made a daring raid on the Loyalist trenches, with which the capital is surrounded.

In an excited address broadcast from Malaga, the Governor is said to have admitted that the city was in extreme danger of siege. — Trans-Ocean.

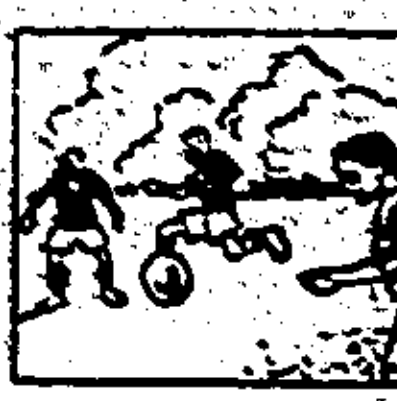
STOP PRESS

Strike parleys in Washington have collapsed and the representatives of the General Motors Corporation are leaving the capital, says Reuter's Washington correspondent.

Tea Score: M.C.C. 150 for 4 wickets, Barnett 78. — Reuter.



Sporting Page



ST. ANDREW'S MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM MAKE VERY PROMISING COMEBACK AGAINST SIGNALS

MAKINGS OF FORMIDABLE COMBINATION Millington Excels In Goal BROADBRIDGE PROMINENT

(By "ADREM")

After a lapse of two seasons, the St. Andrew's men's hockey team is to be revived. This combination first came into prominence when the Mamak Hockey tournament was started about six years ago, when an eleven was entered for the first open competitive hockey ever organised in Hong Kong, primarily to allow the very enthusiastic team then functioning to obtain some regular games. At that time, no ground was available for practice or for matches and, prior to entry in the Mamak competition, about one game a month was arranged with other clubs possessing grounds. Although the majority of the players were comparative newcomers to hockey, they were most of them prominent exponents of nearly all ball games and showed such an aptitude for the game that in a very short while they were giving such outstanding displays against other experienced sides that they very rapidly made a name for themselves.

Break This Season

A team was entered in the Mamak Tournament every season until the present one, when, owing to the difficulty experienced last year in completing fixtures, it was decided that, owing to the problem of a ground not having been solved, it would be advisable not to participate.

Since entries for the Mamak Tournament were closed, however, the ground difficulty has been overcome. Representations made to the Government some time ago have at last borne fruit and following the removal of the Central British School to its new premises in Homantin, with their spacious playing-fields, St. Andrew's have been allotted a half share in the old C.B.S. hockey pitch at King's Park. Although this ground could not, by the biggest stretch of imagination, be termed ideal for hockey, it nevertheless, serves its purpose and F. A. Broadbridge is making every effort to place St. Andrew's once more on the local hockey map.

Good Side Available

Most of the former players are still available and, with the addition of one or two stalwarts from the Royal Corps of Signals who are keen members of the Club, a very useful side should be formed.

The present members of the team include Harry Millington, who, with but little more experience, should develop into one of the finest goalkeepers in the Colony. He is very cool and is not afraid to leave his charge in the face of an attack. The backs will probably be Broadbridge and F. V. Wong. The latter a few years ago was a strong contender for Interport honours and, with practice, should find no difficulty in regaining his old form.

The intermediate line, with Bliss, Cox, White and Austin to choose from, should be the strongest department in the team.

Useful Forwards

The forward line was the one weak link in the old days. On form, it would give any defence many an anxious moment, but it was terribly inconsistent. Carroll, who used to play on the right (Continued on Page 3)

NAVY "A" HOCKEY, WIN

On the Navy ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon the Navy "A" defeated the Police Indians by 4 goals to 2 after sharing two goals at half time.



N. Beltrao, above, Club de Recreio's soccer centre-half, is almost a certainty for the Interport pivotal position.

NEW SUBS REVIEWED

CORONATION DAY AND TABBY CAT LOOK THE BEST

DISAPPOINTING BATCH

(By "RAPIER")

WITH the closing of entries last Saturday, the time seems opportune to study the prospects for the 1937 Annual Race Meeting, which will be held towards the end of next month. Intensive training has been in full swing for some time past, and in another month's time racing enthusiasts will once again be able to enjoy their favourite sport.

Although at this juncture it is difficult to spot the likely winners, I consider the new China ponies, Subscription Griffins, only a very moderate lot as compared with previous years. Although they are bound to improve as training goes on, nevertheless, I doubt very much whether there is really a pony which one could honestly single out as outstanding. There are, however, quite a few useful looking animals, among the best being the following:

Chin Shan (Bay: 14/1), Prospero (Grey: 12/2), Naughty Cat (Grey: 12/1), Happy Venture (Bay: 12/2), Aramis (Chest: 12/1), Radiant (Black: 12/3), Chin Teen (Black: 14/1), Yam Sing (Grey: 12/2), Bouldmore (Grey: 12/3), Pagan Love (Chest: 12/3), Tabby Cat (Dun: 12/2), Coronation Day (Chest: 12/3).

After having watched these ponies in training for some time, I have come to the conclusion that Coronation Day, belonging to Dr. S. N. Chan, is about the best. It has an easy movement, and although at the moment it would appear that it is more suited to sprint events, I believe that with improvement in stamina it will prove equally dangerous over longer distances. On Thursday last it covered the mile in 2.18, with a last quarter of 31.4, which is certainly a good performance for a subscription griffin.

Tabby Cat's Promise

The next in order of merit seems to be Tabby Cat, owned by Li Bros. Although it cannot be regarded as of the same standard as Wild Cat, I am inclined to believe that Tabby Cat will develop into something good later on. Its movement does not appear so free, but it responds easily to the urge. It (Continued on Page 3)

BILLIARDS

CHAMPION EXTENDED

FINE DISPLAY BY ANDREWS

W. H. Andrews did very well to lose by only 154 points to A. J. Osmund, the holder, in the senior section of the Colony Billiards Championship at the South. Chin: A. A. last night.

Andrews played steadily throughout the game, but was led by 100 points when Osmund reached 180. A 57 break followed by a 30 brought him within six points of Osmund, but the champion drew away with breaks of 58, 49, 30 and 36 and led by 404 to 319. Another break of 45 by Osmund placed him in the home stretch with Andrews at 322.

Andrews' best breaks were 57, 46, 37 and 30.

In the other senior game U. S. Santos beat E. A. dos Remedios by 84 points at the Engineers' Inn.

WICKET WITH EVERY BALL

New Zealand Bowler's Remarkable Over

Palmerston North: In a friendly match here between a Sharnon eleven and a Palmerston North eleven, D. Mercer of the former team took a wicket with every ball of an over.

The performance was the more meritorious in that five of the batsmen thus dismissed were senior grade players.

The highest break of the game was 47 by Santos, who also made 38, 39 and 23 unfinished. Remedios' highest break was 35, while he made 29, 33 and 22.

The junior game between Ernest Lam and W. Anderson was not played owing to the non-appearance of the latter.

TO-NIGHT'S BILLIARDS

XAVIER LACKS EXPERIENCE

Two matches in the Junior Billiards Championship of the Colony will be played this evening when Chan Hon-shui meets E. Zimmerman at the Catholic Union and R. G. Xavier encounters Wong Pui-chi at the Civil Service Cricket Club.

R. G. Xavier plays for the Catholic Union in the Steel, Conlison Billiards League and is making his first appearance in the competition. He possesses a wide variety of strokes but lacks match play experience.

E. Zimmerman played in the championship last year and his opponent Chan Hon-shui is a newcomer to the competition.

SHOULD AUSTRALIAN WICKETS BE COVERED?

BOARD URGED TO CHANGE POLICY

Brisbane, December 29. ONE result of England's victories in the first two Tests is an agitation in Australia that the Board of Control should adopt the English system of covering the wicket. In England the whole wicket may be covered from the day preceding a match until it is over. In Australia only the ends are covered and the actual pitch is not allowed to be protected once play has started. The Australian system means that the winning of the test, and luck generally, enters too much into the game.



H. D. Bidwell, above, is still on the injured list and will not be available for the Club to-morrow in their final Triangular Tournament Rugby match.

ANNUAL GOLF ENCOUNTER

Shatin v. Country Club On Sunday

The Shatin Golf Club will meet the Country Club in their annual golf match on Sunday at Sheung-shui. The following starting times have been arranged:

Shatin Golf Club The Country Club
8.45 S. Yamamoto v. F. E. D'Almeida Remedios
9.45 K. Watanabe v. A. W. da Rosa
9.53 T. Taki v. E. Sadick
9.57 Y. Hayashida v. E. D. da Rosa
10.01 Y. Ohno v. J. J. Basto
10.05 J. Mayne v. E. Leitao
10.09 H. Matsushima v. A. Urquhart
10.12 N. Shimokawa v. R. K. Lee
10.17 K. Takaki v. A. E. Castro
10.21 H. Kimura v. E. G. Leong
10.25 S. Saito v. F. X. M. da Silva
10.29 S. Ajiro v. M. A. Simoes
10.33 S. Taninura v. R. Alves
10.37 M. Kunihiro v. B. Basto
10.41 K. Watanabe v. H. Kew
10.45 H. Yamamoto v. C. E. T. Suen
10.49 H. Mori v. C. E. Rosa Pereira
10.53 Y. Ohashi v. A. G. Botelho

AMERICAN SPLIT THREAT

Miami (Florida), December 30. A dispute among members of the American Professional Golfers' Association, following the decision of the P.G.A. to dispense with the services of Robert E. Harlow as tournament manager, may result in the setting up of a rival organisation.

Six members of the last American Ryder Cup team are supporting Harlow, and if they follow him into the new association he is threatening to establish, American's chances in the 1937 Ryder Cup contest would be seriously impaired. The team must be chosen by the P.G.A. from among its own membership.—Reuter.

TIP FOR GOLFERS

At the top of the swing it is important that the left wrist should be underneath the shaft and not bent outwards. This outward bend of the left wrist shuts the face of the club, with the result that it is almost sure to be brought back on to the ball with the face turned down, and the effect is either to smother the shot altogether or to get a pronounced hook.

JAMES GIBSON DECIDES

James Gibson, the famous Scotland and Aston Villa half-back, has made known his determination to retire by returning to Scotland. This despite three good offers which have been made to him recently. "Southend United" were among the clubs interested — to stay on in football," Gibson admits that he has plenty of football in him yet, but says he wishes to give up the game and build up a career in business.

NAVY WILL CARRY ON

SPORTING GESTURE

TRIAL HELD AT CAUSEWAY BAY

TWO TEAMS TO BE MAINTAINED

(By "REFEREE")

FOLLOWING close upon their application to the Hong Kong Football Association for a postponement of their First Division League fixtures until the first week in March, which was ultimately refused, the Royal Naval Recreation Club have decided to carry on in both Divisions of the League with the best teams they can field.

This is a very sporting gesture.

CHEONG MOON-WING TO PLAY IN CUP MATCH

Cheong Moon-wing, the Athletic outside-left, will be playing for the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation against the Hong Kong Football Association in the Governor's Cup game on Sunday.

The following is the Chinese team:
Pan Kap-ping; Lee Tin-sing and Tam Kong-pak; Leung Wing-chi, Wong Mee-shum and Lee Kwok-wai; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing and Cheong Moon-wing.

ture and it will be fully appreciated by all sportsmen.

Although the Navy can count upon H.M.S. Berwick for some of their men, the cruiser is expected to leave the Colony on her usual spring cruise in the first week of next month, and this will leave but a handful of men in the Colony, the majority of whom will probably come from the Tamar and Stonecutters Island.

The Navy have been unusually unfortunate this season as, with everything pointing to a successful challenge in the Second Division and in the Junior Shield, (they were eliminated last Wednesday) the combined exercises off Singapore have robbed them of nearly all their talent. Their defeat in the Junior Shield last Wednesday was probably their biggest shock as they were hot favourites for the title.

Yesterday, on the Causeway Bay ground, they held their first preliminary trial, with a view to selecting two teams for the First and Second Division.

Selectors Not Aided A Great Deal

Several of the players chosen did not turn up and four of those who have already been seen here were included in the teams.

Though this game did not assist the selectors to any great extent in the selection of a complete team, there were several players who showed up well during the game and who should be able to obtain a place in one of the two teams.

There was no semblance of combination between the teams, as most of the players had not played with one another before, and there was consequently a complete lack of understanding on both sides.

Bliman was the best winger on view. He was speedy and centred well and, in spite of having Thorburn, one of the Navy's regular players, making him, performed well throughout the game.

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S. Bliss, above, will probably be seen out for the St. Andrew's Hockey Club this season.

BRIGHTON'S FINE WIN

HULL DRAW AT CARLISLE

WALSALL DRAW

London To-day.

Three matches were played in the English Football League yesterday, Brighton, leaders in the Third Division (South), securing a notable away victory when they beat Queen's Park Rangers, at Ellerslie Road, by 3 goals to 2. Brighton have not been defeated in their last three games, having won three in succession including one home and two away, while Queen's Park have faltered twice in their last five games, both being home matches.

In the same division yesterday, Walsall and Aldershot, who are both lying near the bottom of the table, shared two points in a goalless draw at Fellows Park. Aldershot, who finished 11th in last season's series, have not won a game in their last five matches, while Walsall have drawn twice, once home and once away, and secured three wins in their last five matches.

In the only match in the Third Division (North), Carlisle, who are at present lying in the middle of the table, were held at home to a draw by Hull, who are at present lying third, the teams sharing two goals.—Reuter.

Anderson Impresses On The Wing

Anderson, who played at centre-forward last Wednesday, was also good on the right wing for the Blues. He was tricky, though inclined to wander into the centre too much.

Both pivots were good. Nicholls used his head to advantage and his clearance was good. Shurey was better in his tackling and both should find a place in the Navy side.

Collet, the Whites' centre-forward, worked hard but received no support from his inside men, only Bliman being up with him for a pass.

Church, in Whites' goal, brought off many good saves and had a busier afternoon than his opposite number.

Brown was the best of the inside forwards on view. He was fast and shot well and his goal, the only one of the game, was a good effort. He was handicapped by the lack of another forward to assist him and had to forage for himself.

Two Elevens Are Available

From the players on view yesterday, the Navy selectors should be able to select a useful side. Church is a good goalkeeper and Passey a safe back. In the intermediate line Shurey, Thorburn, Nicholls and Roberts should do well, and in the forward line there are Bliman, Brown, Anderson, Collet, and Wormald.

Apart from the players mentioned above the Navy have at their disposal the whole of the junior side which lost to the Blues on Wednesday, so that two fairly good teams are available. It will be a pity, however, if the Navy break up their junior team, as they have been playing together for

RUGBY CLASSIC TO-MORROW

CLUB FAVOURED OVER ARMY

THE LAST BIG MATCH

(By "REFEREE")

The Club, who have been unbeaten this season, play their last Triangular Tournament Rugby match to-morrow afternoon when they will entertain a much strengthened Army fifteen, who have so far gone through the series without recording a victory, in spite of being the former holders of the trophy.

Many changes will feature the main game, which will be witnessed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, and Lady Caldecott, and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, and Mrs. Bartholomew, and Col. H. C. Harrison, who will be witnessing his last Triangular Tournament match — he leaves the Colony for Home next April.

The Club are making one change in their three-quarter line, which will probably strengthen it slightly, although the absence of H. D. Bidwell, who is still on the injured list, will be again apparent. Van Leeuwen will be seen as the right centre-three-quarter in support of Chadwick. It will be recalled that Forbes played in this position last Saturday against the Combined Services.

PACK CHANGES
Two changes will also be made in the pack. E. P. Humphreys returning to the front row in place of Pratt, while Deane, one of the Club's best wing-forwards, will again be seen in his usual position, displacing Currie.

The outstanding feature of the many changes, however, will be in the Army back division, where L/Cpl. Davies and Lieut. J. A. M. Rice-Davies, who played a very big part in the Army Triangular Tournament successes last season, will again be seen in their old positions in support of Jones and Floyd respectively.

In addition, Pte. Baines, of the Seaforth, will make his first appearance in a representative game here at stand-off-half, a position he filled for Hampshire some years ago. I was not particularly impressed with his display in the "A" fifteen match last Saturday (Continued on Page 3)

CRICKET TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in League matches against the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow commencing at 2 p.m.:

1st XI—A. W. Hayward, (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowler, F. Marshall, R. B. Neve, R. L. D. Widdowson, E. D. Gillespie, T. E. Pearce, R. L. Holden, P. C. Frost and H. Owen (Reserve).
2nd XI—A. K. Mackenzie (Capt.), W. Stoker, V. C. Bond, G. A. Stewart, F. A. Drummett, E. Bathurst, W. Wooding, H. A. Murray, R. M. King, N. P. Fox and J. R. Way.

ARMY TEAM
The following will represent the Army in a First Division League match against the Royal Navy at King's Park to-morrow commencing at 2 p.m.:

Army—Major. Rawthorne, Capt. Walsh (Captain), Capt. Mackintosh, Lieut. Capt. Evans, Lieut. Cartwright, Lieut. Barron, Lieut. Hon. Clegg Hill, Lieut. Madagan, Lieut. Richardson, S.Q.M.S. Warr and Cpl. Jackson.
Umpire—Cpl. Willey.

Some time and combine well.
Whites—Church, Hollands, and Kellow; Roberts, Nichol, Camp, Bliman, Collet, Fellingthorpe, and Wormald.
Blues—Harvey, Passey and Robinson; Friend, Shurey and Thorburn; Anderson, Gaydon, Brown, Brewer.

OLIVEIRA AND REMEDIOS ARE UNBEATEN

RECREIO PAIRINGS TOP THE LISTS

BADMINTON RECORDS TO DATE

CLUB DE RECREIO pairings are heading the lists in both the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles and in the Mixed Doubles Badminton Leagues.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios have not been checked in 18 games and, judging from the standard of their play, it is unlikely that they will sustain any reverse.

In the Mixed Doubles it will be noticed that M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, considered to be the best mixed doubles pairing in the Colony, are lying only second. This, however, is the result of their surprising defeat in all three sets against the University last Friday night.

It is, however, noteworthy that out of a total of 54 games, Remedios's players have conceded only 8 games. Unlike other combinations, they have always played the same partnerships.

The best performers in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles League are the two leading Kowloon Tong "A" pairings, A. E. H. Castro and R. E. Lee and N. Mackay and A. Chan, followed by John Pau and K. H. Lo, of King's College, potential "B" Division champions.

The following is the record to date of the leading performers in the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Leagues:



Bill Bonthron, of Princeton University, right and Glen Cunningham, runner-up to Lovelock in the 500 Metres event in the World Olympiad at Berlin last August, left, will probably secure inclusion in the American team of track and field stars invited to visit Japan during the coming summer.

"A" Division

	P.	W.	L.
J. J. Remedios and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio)	18	18	0
E. de Sousa and H. A. Alves (Recreio)	18	15	3
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	14	4
E. L. H. Shute and W. Shute (Free Lances)	18	11	7
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang (C.R.C.)	18	10	8
W. C. Choy and P. C. Leung (C.R.C.)	15	9	6
C. Y. Yung and H. W. Ho (C.R.C.)	18	8	10
S. A. Gray and A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's)	21	8	13
L. A. Silva and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	12	6	6
F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's)	21	6	15
H. A. Noronha and C. C. Pereira (Recreio "B")	12	6	6
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0
T. Y. Chuang and T. Y. Ong (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0
P. E. Tan and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	W.	L.
A. E. H. Castro and R. E. Lee (K. Tong "A")	21	16	5
N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan (K. Tong "A")	21	16	5
J. Pau and K. H. Lo (King's College)	12	10	2
G. A. Smith and N. Smith (St. John's)	15	12	3
D. Kwok and J. Bennett (St. John's)	12	11	1
H. T. Woo and H. N. Chung (King's College)	9	7	2
K. C. Yeo and A. W. da Rosa (Kowloon Tong "A")	9	7	2
T. Lam and S. P. Chan (King's College)	6	6	0
M. M. de V. Soares and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.)	6	6	0
E. Merritt and Yang Chen (S. and S. Home)	15	5	10
L. E. Kirby and P. J. Dawson (St. Andrew's)	18	7	11
K. C. Yeo and Ho (Kowloon Tong "B")	3	3	0
S. T. Chan and W. N. Cheung (King's College)	3	3	0
H. T. Woo and H. N. Chung (King's College)	3	3	0
C. D'Almada and J. Alvarez (Kowloon Tong "B")	6	3	3
W. N. Cheung and K. L. Lui (King's College)	6	3	3

Mixed Doubles League

	P.	W.	L.
J. J. Remedios and Miss C. Silva (Recreio "A")	18	15	3
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio "A")	18	15	3
L. A. Carvalho and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	18	15	3
J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths (Free Lances)	18	15	3
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. H. Shute (Free Lances)	12	9	3
A. L. Fisher and Miss A. MacKenzie (Free Lances)	18	11	7

Men's Doubles League

Tables To Date

"A" DIVISION

Club/de	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	6	6	0	49	5	12
Club de						
Recreio "B"	6	4	2	24	30	8
St. Andrew's "A"	8	3	5	32	40	6
Chinese Recreation						
Club	6	3	3	32	40	6
University "A"	2	2	0	17	1	4
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	2	2	0	17	1	4
University "B"	3	1	2	5	22	2
Free Lances	7	0	7	17	46	0

"B" DIVISION

Club/de	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's College	6	6	0	49	5	12
Kowloon Tong "A"	7	5	2	43	20	10
Victoria Recreation Club	5	4	1	27	18	8
St. John's Club	6	4	2	33	21	8
Sailors & Soldiers						
Home	7	2	5	14	45	4
St. Andrew's "B"	7	1	6	20	42	2
Kowloon Tong "B"	6	0	6	13	41	0

Mixed Doubles League

Tables To Date

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

Club/de	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	6	6	0	48	6	12
Free Lances	6	4	2	38	16	8
Club de						
Recreio "B"	6	4	2	23	31	8
Chinese Recreation						
Club	3	3	0	21	6	6
Kowloon Tong						
Club	6	1	5	14	40	2
St. John's Club	7	0	7	11	52	0

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES

Club de Recreio "B", who, by beating the Free Lances on Wednesday evening, are now running neck and neck with the same opponents in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, encounter Recreio "A" in the second round of the "A" in the second round of the League at King's Park to-night.

St. John's, who have so far won none of their matches, will entertain the Chinese Recreation Club at St. John's Cathedral Hall, and the visitors are almost assured of the points.

MAKINGS OF FORMIDABLE COMBINATION

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wing, has now left the Colony and his place will probably be taken by R. Dormer, the Y.M.C.A. player. Mackay, is still available for an inside position, as is Colledge, but it is doubtful whether E. F. Fincher, one-time sharp-shooter of the side, will be prepared to play as he is concentrating on cricket and golf and has very little leisure for other forms of sport. If Teddy Fincher turns out at inside-left there will be a very good left-wing combination in the making. R. Baldwin, who plays on the wing, is one of the finest left extremes that the Y.M.C.A. have ever had and although Fincher has lost a great deal of his speed, his fine stickwork and knowledge of the game should stand him in good stead.

Promising Start

As a curtain-raiser, St. Andrew's played a team from the Royal Corps of Signals at King's Park yesterday afternoon and, although they were defeated by



Forrest G. Towns, sensational world record holder of the 110 Metres High Hurdles, is another famous star who will probably be going to Japan with the American team next summer.

two goals to nil, scored by Lowe, gave a display that augurs well for the future. Handicapped by the absence of A. S. Bliss, who was unavoidably absent, the whole team, nevertheless, gave a sterling performance, and it was not until late in the second half that the Signals were able to penetrate the Saints' defence.

Outstanding Players

Broadbridge, at right-back, was prominent with his first-time clearances. Cox was the pick of the halves, although Guest worked hard. Austin, while spoiling well, was of no assistance to his forwards when the latter were attacking as he was invariably lying too far back.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling for next Sunday:

	OLD COURSE
9.20 a.m.	D. D. Forbes, A. A. Bremner.
9.24	J. W. Mayhew, K. K. Rounds.
9.28	S. H. Dodwell, D. J. Gilmore.
9.32	C. E. C. Maton, Col. Blake.
9.36	H. M. Alexander, Col. Matthews.
9.40	A. Anderson, J. E. Richardson.
9.44	A. W. Hodges, A. Nicol.
9.48	C. K. Moore, C. Mycock.
9.52	Education Dept., A. P. C. D. S. Edward, G. B. S. Thomson.
10.00	W. Wright, A. E. Hewitt.
10.04	P. A. Cox, A. H. Forbes.
10.08	T. R. Chassels, H. U. Ireland.
10.12	W. L. Alexander, A. V. Graves.
10.16	C. E. R. Diver, W. Hewitt.
10.20	J. L. Bonnar, W. K. Robinson.
10.24	C. G. Agnew, R. H. Griffiths.
10.28	G. S. Chambers, A. D. Humphreys.
10.32	E. Taylor, J. Smith.
10.36	G. N. Gawler, D. MacAlister.
10.40	H. N. Williamson, A. McKellar.
10.44	I. H. Geare, A. E. Liassman.
10.48	J. Forbes, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.52	G. E. Costello, B. D. Evans.
10.56	C. B. Brown, A. C. I. Bowker.
11.00	F. Davies, T. Lindars.
11.04	N. P. Fox, J. F. Robinson.
11.08	P. Morrison, J. C. Dunbar.
11.12	Admiral Sedgwick, Comdr. Arbutnot.
11.16	C. D. Chapman, H. S. Dinsdale.
	NEW COURSE
9.24 a.m.	T. Low, W. S. Sharp.
9.28	L. P. Tamworth, E. J. R. Mitchell.
9.36	J. G. Cotesworth, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.40	F. A. M. Elliott, H. A. Lamont.
9.48	T. S. and Mrs. Morrison.
9.56	E. C. Norris, C. Finch.
10.04	D. L. and Mrs. Prophet.
10.12	V. E. Duclos, E. F. Noble.
10.20	H. R. Forsyth, A. S. Adamson.
10.28	G. Polglase, P. M. Wood.
10.36	R. E. Davies, W. W. Murdoch.
10.44	Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Dinsdale.

NEW SUBS REVIEWED

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did the mile in 2:18.4, with a last quarter of 31.4, which must be considered quite satisfactory.

Coronation Day and Tabby Cat should provide a keen struggle for the Valley Stakes, with Chun Teen, owned by Mr. Kwok Hin Wang, another strong challenger. The Valley Stakes was won last year by Wild Cat, ridden by Mr. Wong, and it is not outside the bounds of possibility to see the same stable and jockey repeating the success.

Mr. M. T. Johnson has a nice looking animal in Yum Sing. Its time of 2:13 for the mile is quite good, but it has yet to improve on its last quarter run, which may be confidently expected, as the pony is under the careful training of Mr. Doe Black, the champion jockey of 1935.

In Pagan Love, Mr. H. Chok Lai has a pony which may be included among the best. It is practically similar in appearance to Double Chance, and, under careful supervision, I anticipate some wins ahead.

For The Half Mile

For the Wong Nei Chong Stakes there are a few speedy little fellows, and I suggest keeping the following in mind: Aramis, belonging to Mr. F. C. Hall, although on the small side, is a nice mover. It is fiery and requires strong control, but it will undoubtedly be well handled by Mr. Frost. Chiu Shan, owned by Mrs. Kwok Hin Wang, is also quite fast, and the half mile is more to its liking. Radium is another good one for this distance, together with Prospero, Naughty Cat and Happy Venture.

For longer distances, I recommend the following: Chun Teen (Mr. Kwok Hin Wang), Yum Sing (Mr. H. Chok Lai), Pagan Love (Mr. H. Chok Lai), Tabby Cat (Mr. H. Chok Lai) and Coronation Day (Mr. S. N. Chua).

It must, however, be borne in mind that the views expressed above are only tentative, but I can safely say that the ponies I have named are about the best.

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63-65 DES VOEUX ROAD, C.T.L.



Jack Torrance, above, former holder of the world shot putt record and a first place winner in the 1932 World Olympiad held at Los Angeles, has deserted the sand-pit for the ring and is the latest recruit to the ranks of the heavyweight boxers. He weighs over 17 stone and has been taken in hand by Jack Dempsey.

RUGBY CLASSIC TO-MORROW

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against the Club and am inclined to think that the dropping of L. Cpl. Lewis is a big mistake. Although the Army have a brilliant three-quarter line, on paper, I doubt very much whether their pack will stand up to the Club eight.

Preceding the big match, which commences at 4 p.m. sharp, the Club "A" fifteen will meet H.M.S. Berwick at 2.45 p.m.

SELECTED TEAMS

The following are some of the teams:—

Club 1st XV—J. P. Whitman; G. K. Chadwick, K. H. Leeuwen, W. E. Grieve, A. K. Munro; A. H. R. Butcher and J. L. Bonnar; A. F. Walkden, W. E. Peers, E. P. Humphreys; I. H. Bradford, A. W. Holden; B. O'M. Deane, K. A. Watson and J. A. Redman.

Club "A" XV—M. H. Curtis; D. Hynes, I. H. Forbes, A. F. Read and H. F. Hopkins; J. Hutchinson and J. R. Henderson; T. H. Pratt, J. S. Dunnett, W. Schnabel, B. Hynes, J. G. Dalziel, J. Heath, W. E. Currie and T. Swan.

Army 1st XV—Fus. Barry; Fus. Jones, L. Cpl. Davies, Lt. J. A. M. Rice-Evans and Fus. Floyd; Pte. Rainey and Fus. Preece; Lt. Lincoln, L. Cpl. Harrison and Fus. Watkins; Cmr. Wright, Fus. Chaney, Cpl. Gillespie, Fus. Morgan and Cpl. (56) Davies.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.F.A.	Pts.
Club	3	3	0	0	33
Navy	4	2	2	0	37
Army	3	0	3	0	42

The following is the complete record of matches played to date:—
December, 5—Club beat Navy 19-5
December, 12—Navy beat Army 11-0
December, 19—Club beat Army 13-3
January, 2—Navy beat Army 10-3
January, 9—Club beat Army 21-3



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MR. EDEN AND GERMANY

Both Mr. Eden's outline of Britain's foreign policy and Berlin's response follow strictly conventional lines, revealing once more the sharpness of the dividing line between the Anglo-German approaches to the problems of Europe.

Mr. Eden makes his appeal for sanity almost directly to Germany and the Wilhelmstrasse quite naturally takes its own angle of vision, points to the puerile mishandling of post-war diplomacy and insists that if any country has the right to demand indications of sincerity it is Germany.

Behind both standpoints there is reasoning. We do not imagine for a moment that Germany doubts the very earnest desire of Britain to bring appeasement to a fruitful Europe and to throw her whole weight on the side of a sane solution of pressing difficulties. But Germany takes umbrage at the inference which is allowed to be drawn that Herr Hitler alone holds the key, and particularly at the suggestion that a democratically controlled Germany would automatically throw herself into line with British policy, whereas the Nazi regime is but the source of nightmares in Mr. Eden's household.

Here is to be found the crux of the problem of to-day. As far as we can see, the situation is without hope until and unless the nations of Europe climb down from their respective pedestals and endeavour to examine it honestly from each other's point of view. At present, Britain and Germany are on entirely different planes. Neither has a right to expect a common basis for discussion without a realistic understanding of the peculiar circumstances motivating each other's actions.

One of Mr. Eden's reminders was perhaps necessary. There can be no comfortable doctrine of a Western European glass-house, as it were, and his direct statement that Britain has a deep interest in the integrity of Spain and Spanish possessions did not suffer by reiteration.

Significant, too, is the remarkable change which latterly has come over the language of diplomacy. It may have been observed that only once, and then in connection with British rearmament, did Mr. Eden refer to the League of Nations. Apparently the day has come when it is no longer necessary to refer to our obligations under the League Covenant. Is the wreck of the League, too, recognised as a fait accompli?

"What Is History?"

The question of the accuracy of historical films is engaging some public attention, and in connection with it one member of the House of Lords has asked "What is history?" The enquiry has a certain appropriateness to December's events. As regards formal history, it is doubtful whether any series of events of first-class importance in our history has been so completely "documented." Not often, for instance, is a Minister able to be as frank and detailed as was Mr. Baldwin in his account of his various communications with King Edward; there historians will be able to move with sure steps. On the other hand, writers of "secret history" will

Life Stirs In Buckingham Palace

AS Britain prepares, with high regard for tradition, for the coronation of George VI, a stronger light beats upon Buckingham Palace, where the scarlet, blue and gold of the royal standard flies against the gray skies of London. For this ancient building draws together all of the multifarious activities which radiate from the King's study and the royal household.

Other capitals have more impressive royal palaces. The great Hofburg in Vienna is so much more impressive as to make London seem to be almost without a palace. Windsor Castle would more than match the immense Hofburg, but Windsor is not in London; its ancient fortified hilltop rises some twenty miles up the Thames. Buckingham Palace is no more than the town house of the British monarchy, but it is very impressively set.

Made For Pageants

The approach, the long straight boulevard known as the Mall, was made for royal pageants. Alongside the Mall the lawns and lake of St. James's Park sweep up to the ornate white and gold memorial to Queen Victoria. Just beyond the memorial, the long east front of the palace rises, with its outer gates sentinelled by red-coated Guardsmen and the royal standard whipping from the flagstaff on its roof.

It looks like a new palace, and in fact the east front was refaced about twenty-five years ago. The ordinary passer-by would never know that there is a large quadrangle behind the east front, for passers-by are not allowed to wander through the gates and into the quadrangle, as they are in the great palace in Stockholm. It is within this quadrangle that Buckingham's State entrance trusts out its portico. Within the main doors, a spacious marble-columned hall leads to the white and gold grand staircase laid with a crimson carpet and bordered by full-length royal portraits. This stairway ascends in broad shallow steps to the State apartments, whose magnificence begins with the Green Drawing Room, next to the Throne Room.

The Royal Household

BUCKINGHAM PALACE is much more than a vast residence stuffed to the bursting point with State apartments and

treasures of art. As one sees it looming behind the gilded gates at the head of the Mall, it is a large and silent building. But its silence is deceptive, for it is the home of the monarchy at its daily work.

There was a time when the royal household transacted the domestic affairs of Kings and the public affairs of the realm as one and the same thing. Public affairs have gradually stemmed off from the parent trunk, and are administered by a huge and much less picturesque institution known as the British Government. The royal household has remained responsible for the King's domestic affairs, and these are administered by a variety of officials ranging from the post-laudate to the veterinarians at the stables. Every tradesman who supplies goods to the King, and so displays the royal arms with "By Appointment" above his door, is in theory at least, a member of the interminable royal household.

By CLAIR PRICE

Purely Decorative
SOME of its members are purely decorative, for no other institution in the world involves so much standing about in picturesque uniforms as the institution of royalty. Others are both decorative and useful. On occasions of State they appear in gorgeous gold-braided uniforms with cocked hats and a large gold key on their belts at the back (sometimes lightly referred to as the key of the wine cellar), and with wands of office in their hands which look like billiard cues. But this is not the whole of their duties.

Still others have no more picturesque dress than their army uniforms, and these they wear infrequently. Their picturesque lies in themselves rather than in their dress, for they are the finished products of the military tradition, with the rigidities and loyalties which belong to that peculiar tradition. They are at once affable and discreet, agreeable and aloof, courteous and instant, with a more than ambassadorial genius for tactfully evading the direct question. These Olympian beings are much more than merely decorative. In those departments of the household which are closest to the King, they handle his contacts with the Prime Minister and the

Cabinet; and as they grow old in their posts, they become the repositories of more State secrets than are known to anybody else in the realm. Other members of the household handle the King's varied business affairs, or are responsible for the complicated pageantry of State processions, which, however medieval they may be, are always timed as exactly as military manoeuvres.

Legacy Of Queen Victoria

ALTHOUGH to-day Buckingham Palace is the focus of every great national occasion, it has not always been so. The palace site was open country when James I set out his mulberry garden there, with silkworms in it to produce silk for the royal hosiery. The silkworms were not a success, but the mulberry trees grew into a sylvan retreat which became a fashionable resort under the Stuarts. Charles II eventually gave the garden to the owner of a big house adjacent to his house, after various adventures, was sold with the garden to one of the Dukes of Buckingham who rebuilt it in 1703 and named it Buckingham House.

This was the forerunner of the modern palace. George III bought it for use as an unpretentious family house, moving into it in 1763, but continuing to use the much more historic St. James's Palace for his court functions. Incidentally, St. James's Palace is still the official seat of the court. George IV converted the house into a royal palace, but died before it was ready to be occupied, and it was young Queen Victoria who first made it her London seat and called it Buckingham Palace.

Shipping Men On China Coast

Bringing into its pages memories of some of the most famous shipping men of the China Coast, in the last century and of more modern times, a history of the old Mercantile Marine Officers' Association, the existing M.M.O. Club in Shanghai and the intervening Merchant Service Club has been produced in an interesting volume by Mr. S. S. Kemp.

Many names appear, but it has been deemed advisable in some instances to disguise them, though nicknames have been retained and the correct initials. The book contains much information of historical value to merchant marine officers and numerous anecdotes, both humorous and otherwise.

"MISS DENISON OF FEZ"

VIGNETTE
IN MOROCCO

FEZ, ancient capital of Morocco, whiteness of moonlight, especially north African moonlight, the flat roofs spreading out in their thousands is a view that startles.

To descend into the streets of Fez is to go back into a land of the Arabian Nights Entertainment. Here around us seem to be all the familiar characters. But at the same time we feel the city is closing in on us, and it is not possible for a stranger to proceed more than a couple of hundred yards in the narrow winding alleys, for they never become what we know as streets, without being lost. No motor car can pass through the native quarter, not even an ordinary horse carriage. Often the houses are built right across the street overhead, and at other points matting shuts out the sun. The exterior means nothing to an Arab, and we get a sensation of something aquali, until suddenly an open door shows a glimpse of a Moorish mansion, with its mosaics and courtyard and splashing fountain.

A strangely familiar English letter box catches our eyes. The guide knocks, and Miss Denison herself opens the door. In this rabbit-warren city the little Irish woman has lived for forty years. She is perhaps the most beloved

of all its citizens. When the French occupied the town, and when later they underwent severe fighting to hold it, Miss Denison was as safe as she would have been in far-off Ireland. She is a native of Hollywood, County Down, and came here with the North African Mission.

Three times a week she has to shut her door at 7.30 in the morning after admitting seventy to eighty Arab women, who have come with their children for treatment in the dispensary. If the door were not shut at 7.30 Miss Denison could never get through the day's work. As she tends them she tells the story of Jesus.

Conversions are few, for the Arab is so enmeshed in the religion of those around him, but at least these women know that tenderness and love are associated with those who believe in Christ. Once an old negress, who in childhood had been sold as a slave, listened closely to what Miss Denison was saying. When she had finished, the negress came to her and said, "Will you please say all that to me again. I remember"—and here a tear stole down her black cheek—"my father used to read that to us out of a big black book a white man gave him."

PIERCED BY RODS Inquiry Into Death Of Mrs. Anderson

The sad circumstances of the Christmas Day tragedy on the Castle Peak Road when Mrs. Gertrude Ella Anderson lost her life, were related yesterday when Mr. C. Kennedy Skipton, opened an inquiry with the following jury:—Messrs. F. G. Barros (foreman), W. C. Tillery, Jr., and Lam Hew-chin. The hearing was adjourned.

Dr. G. H. Henry said that Mrs. Anderson's death was due to a fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain. On the right side of the nose, he said, there was a wound about two inches long, its track passing through the bones of the face and the base of the skull in a slanting direction towards the left ear. The brain was badly lacerated and a skull bone near the ear fractured.

In answer to the District Officer Dr. Henry said that death must have been instantaneous as the wound was in a vital part.

Windscreens Broke
"All I knew was that the windscreen suddenly broke," said Mr. John Edgar Anderson, who was driver of the car in which his wife met her death.

He said that after tiffin on Christmas Day he and his wife, accompanied by Mrs. M. W. Brennan, went for a drive along the Castle Peak Road. They reached the 10-mile post and then returned.

Passing through Tsun Wan village, said Mr. Anderson, he saw a stationary lorry parked on its left ahead of him and another lorry, carrying iron rods, coming towards him on the other side of the stationary vehicle.

"The road was wide enough for only two cars to pass abreast," he said, "and there seemed to be room for me to pass the stationary lorry. Just as I had passed it the windscreen of my car suddenly broke. What had happened I did not know."

Struck By Rod
Mr. Anderson said he stopped his car immediately and asked his wife if she were all right, but she did not answer. He then got out of the car, turned to look in the back seat where she had been sitting, and found that the hood had been torn off and was covering her. The end of an iron rod was projecting from her face. He pulled the rod out and a few minutes later was joined by several Europeans, including a doctor, who said his wife was dead.

At the time of the mishap, said Mr. Anderson, he was travelling about 10 miles an hour, and the lorry about 20.

Sgt. James Scrim, of the Water Police Station, said the lorry was loaded with iron bars, about 40 ft. long, doubled into lengths of approximately 20 ft.

Projecting Rods
They were projecting about five feet in front of the body of the truck, four feet behind, and on one side, about eight inches over the side.

On the end of the rods in front of the lorry he found a piece of canvas, similar to the material in the hood of Mr. Anderson's car. The hood of Mr. Anderson's car was completely torn off, continued Sgt. Scrim. The hood stanchions were twisted, the windscreen bent backwards, and the glass in the windscreen shattered. There were, however, no marks of collision on the body.

MRS. T. HIRAOKA Death Of Local Japanese Lady

Practically the whole of the local Japanese community, with many Chinese and other friends, gathered at the Japanese Crematorium, last evening, at the cremation of Mrs. T. Hiraoka, who died at her residence in Granville Road at the age of 43.

The late Mrs. Hiraoka, wife of one of the wealthiest Japanese residents in the Colony, had for some months been suffering from a serious ailment, but her sudden passing came as a shock to a large number of friends who held her in the highest esteem. Deep sympathy is felt for deceased's husband and children, five of whom are in the Colony.

A large number of beautiful floral tributes were sent to the Crematorium.

LAST SHENSI PEACE HOPE DISAPPEARS

YANG HU-CHEN'S DEFIANCE DEMANDS REMAIN

Canton, To-day.

The last attempt to settle the Shensi position peacefully has apparently failed.

General Li Chi-kiang, one of the three Central Government representatives who went to Sianfu for the final mission on Wednesday, is reported to have returned to Nanking yesterday afternoon to inform General Ho Ying-ching that the rebel leader, Yang Hu-cheng, still insists on his demands.

General Li was accompanied by Mr. Lei Pu-wah, Commissioner of Reconstruction for Shensi, and Mrs. Lei, while the other two representatives of the Central Government, Generals Mei Chun-lin and Pau Men-yuet are remaining in Sianfu, waiting further instructions from Nanking.

It is reliably reported that Yang Hu-cheng has signed a co-operation agreement with the communists, and that the districts of Kinchen, Yenchen, Chengwu, Fusse, Chungtung, Hingyang, Hipsui, and Chingtung in North Shensi have been assigned to them.

It is rumoured, too, that the troops of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and Yang Hu-cheng have become communists, and that General Yu Hsueh-chung, Chairman of Kansu Province, is detained by his own soldiers.—*From Our Own Correspondent.*

DEPRESSION IN SHANGHAI

Many Court Actions Result

Stalking with a heavy tread, the depression left its indelible imprints in the chronicles of the local Japanese community for 1936, a survey of the Consular Court records shows, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi."

Ordinary suits totaled 106, mostly arising out of difficulties caused by hard times. Actions were taken seeking the payment of wages, the refunding of loans, the return of land, the payment of electricity bills, the revocation of insurance contracts, and settlement of other alleged grievances.

One forced sale in satisfaction of judgment was carried out, while 52 persons vacated premises on court orders. Temporary seizures and disposals of property numbered four, while bailiffs were employed in seeking satisfaction in 46 instances. Settlements of legal disputes out of court were reached in 81 instances, the "Mainichi" reported.

NEW FORD CAR PATENTED

ENGINE IN THE REAR

Motor-car manufacturers all over the world will be interested by the disclosure made by Patent Office officials in Washington that Mr. Ford has been granted a patent for a car in which the engine is mounted sideways over the rear axle.

Although no designs for the coachwork were submitted with the plans for this car, engineers who have examined the blue prints deposited at the Patent Office suggest they would probably be used for a blunt-nosed vehicle. This would have no bonnet, and the driver would have only the steering-wheel and wind-screen between himself and the road. The tail of the car would be pointed.

This "tear-drop" design has already been utilized in the United States by the makers of the "Scarb" car, the interior of which resembles a Pullman coach.

At Dearborn, Michigan, Ford officials refused to say whether there were any definite plans for the manufacture of the new car.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Douglas Nairn Parsons, advertising manager, residing at No. 11, Kent Road, and Miss Betty Jean Spaulding, of No. 1, Lincoln Road, has been announced.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

MINING SHARES DEALINGS

New Office Opening Next Week

IN GLOUCESTER BUILDING

Messrs. R. L. Nielson & Co., a large concern dealing in the promotion and brokering of mining shares, both in Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands, is opening up a local branch.

Situated in rooms 137/142 on the first floor of the Gloucester Building, this office has been tastefully and effectively laid out by Messrs. Davie Boag and Company in the most up-to-date manner.

On entering the premises one is struck by the effective masonry flooring and panelling in a pleasing shade of brown in a spacious lounge which has been designed for the comfort and convenience of clients. A feature of this lounge is a huge quotation board which measures 24 by 8 feet and on which the latest share values, under the names of the respective mines, will be revised every half hour.

Masonry is a material very commonly used in the United States but rarely seen in Hong Kong. It is manufactured by a process which calls for the powdering of wood, which, on being compressed under high pressure, gives the finished article properties far superior to ordinary wood. Having no grain, it does not crack and as a consequence has a much longer life.

The official opening of the office will take place next Thursday, when it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

INDEPENDENCE EXPECTED TO BE PROCLAIMED

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military chief will not take sides in the coming Nanking-Shensi clash.

While the communists have joined General Yang Hu-cheng, the insurgent leader, they are said to have renounced their platform for a united front against the invaders of Suiyuan and Japan.—*Union News.*

PINCER MOVEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

The Central Armies have completed their preparations for a military "squeeze," according to reports received here to-day.

The Nanking's forces are now in the position of giant pincers, with one jaw pressing from the borders of Kansu and Ninghsia and the other from the borders of Shansi and Honan.

The forces marching against the rebel units are led by Generals Hu Tsung-nan and Kuan Lin-cheng.

The troops advancing on Sian from the east are the Thirteenth and Eighty-Fourth Armies, commanded by Generals Tang En-po and Kao Kei-zu and the Eighty-Sixth Division, headed by General Chen Cheng, Vice Minister of War.—*Union News.*

QUEEN MARY'S SUCCESS

London, To-day.

The Cunard Whitestar liner Queen Mary has carried over 42,000 passengers to date on her 11 round voyages between Southampton and New York.

This information is given by an official who added that the financial results had been very satisfactory and fully justified the company's policy in building the great liner and her sister ship.—*British Wireless.*

Novel Design Tanks For Britain's Army

London, To-day.

The British Army will shortly be equipped with mediums sized and light tanks of a novel type, according to a statement from the War Office department for "mechanisation."

In making the announcement it was pointed out that the authorities of the British War Office do not intend to wait for the inven-

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Vancouver on Tuesday and is due at Hong Kong on the 11th February (Thursday).

The K.P.M. liner, *Van Heutz*, is leaving for Singapore, Penang and Belawan Deli on Wednesday, February 3.

The Tjisara leaves for Batavia direct on January 26 and the Tjisadane to Bali and Java via Manila on February 1.

Three men, two armed with knives, entered the second floor of No 349, Nathan Road, early this morning and after threatening the inmates bound them and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$25.

January issue of "Steps," the school magazine of the D.B.S., has just appeared. Among many items of interest is the diary of the headmaster, the Rev. C.B.R. Sargent, written during his recent tour of Germany and Austria.

Found guilty by the jury on a charge of unlawful possession of 87½ ounces of pink mass, containing heroin said to be sufficient to corrupt the greater part of the population of this Colony, Pok King-cho, 39, unemployed, was sentenced to six and a half years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. The mass, which was found on the first floor of 51 Des Voeux Road Central, was enough to make 2,625,000 heroin pills.

JAPANESE FINED UNDER ALIENS ORDINANCE

Masao Nakamura, a Japanese merchant, was this morning, fined \$10 by Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy for failing to report his departure from and arrival into the Colony. Sergeant Cockrane said that the defendant left for Canton on January 10 and returned on January 14. He had not reported these movements, though he had done so on previous occasions.

Defendant pleaded that he had overlooked the matter.

JAPANESE ART

Rev. Cressy Gives An Address

Devoting the major portion of his time to comment on scores of Japanese prints from his personal collection which he passed around, the Rev. Earl H. Cressy, well-known art collector, presented a talk on "The Charm of Japanese Prints" in Shanghai last week before a meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Mr. Cressy emphasized the fact that Japanese print making was not the art of the nobility, but the art of the common people. Many of the prints were formerly sold for a few coppers. Some of them are now worth from 1,000 to 4,000 yen each.

Japanese prints, he pointed out, were much different from Western paintings.

"Most of our artistic inhibitions do not apply," he said.

The bright colouring of some types of Japanese prints, for instance, present a marked contrast with the dull colours mainly used by western artists.

In discussing landscape prints, Mr. Cressy remarked that Japan is in many respects one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

In addition to the value of Japanese prints from the artistic standpoint, they were also useful for their presentation of the spirit of Japan. Mr. Cressy displayed several prints which portrayed the loyalty of the followers to the feudal lords and the great emphasis which is placed upon the dignity of the lord.

Il Duce To Visit Germany?

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini is considering an invitation from Herr Hitler, issued through General Goering, to visit Germany. At present, it is believed unlikely that Il Duce will depart from his rule never to leave Italian soil.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE AND RAW MATERIALS

Invitation To Italy And Germany

Geneva, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Beck, has been authorised, in his capacity as Economic Reporter of the League of Nations, to enquire whether the German and Italian Governments are willing to be represented on the committee which is to study raw material questions, according to reports from informed League circles.

The present League session will take up the raw materials issue, which has not been discussed by the League since Sir Samuel Hoare's proposals.

The Danzig question which is also included in the agenda, will not come up for discussion before next week, since the Danzig report will not be in the hands of the Council before then.

The president of the Danzig Senate, Dr. Greiser, arrived here yesterday.—*Trans-Ocean.*

SENHOR AZANA IN FLIGHT

"Echo de Paris" Story Of Threats

Paris, To-day.

The President of the Spanish Republic, Senor Azana, has gone to Valencia because he has been expelled from Barcelona by the Catalan anarchists, declares the "Echo de Paris."

Threats against Senor Azana, according to the paper, have increased during recent weeks and he did not dare leave the Monera Monastery where he had taken up quarters.

Strict secrecy surrounded his departure from Barcelona.—*Trans-Ocean.*

FRANCO-DUTCH TRADE

Economic Negotiation In Progress

Paris, To-day.

Franco-Dutch economic deliberations began here yesterday in the Ministry for Trade, their quota agreement of January 13, 1936.

Special questions that affect the Dutch East Indies alone are to be dealt with in separate negotiations, states an authoritative source.—*Trans-Ocean.*

INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

Customs Experts In Conference

Paris, To-day.

A committee composed of customs experts from various nations, including Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Holland and Switzerland, has prepared an International Traffic Agreement, following negotiations here.

The agreement, which deals with the entrance of private conveyances into various countries, will be submitted to an international conference for consideration.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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These contentions will also be stressed by other parties as well as the fact that enforcement of the new taxation proposed will require more civil servants, involving heavy salary costs.

"BRAIN TRUST" FOR JAPAN

Government To Form Three Agencies

PLANS DRAFTED

Statutes providing for the creation of three new administrative agencies directly under the Hirota Cabinet, engaging the best brains in Japan for developing domestic reforms and programmes, are being drafted.

The scheme includes the creation of an Imperial Economic Council, equivalent to a civilian general staff to plan financial and trade policies. The Board of Personnel to be created will supervise the civil service. The other agency, as its name implies, will be a Board of General Affairs.

This scheme was decided at a meeting of the state ministers as part of the programme of domestic reform. Special appropriations for the new bodies will be included in an additional budget to be submitted to the Diet later.

The Premier is to preside over the Imperial Economic Council comprising about fifteen scholars and experts while the vice-ministers of Finance, Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Industry, Communications and Overseas Affairs, will be permitted to attend sessions.

It is likely that a Minister without portfolio will be appointed to preside over the Board of General Affairs. This will be at the instigation of the Army. The Minister will, however, attend Cabinet meetings. The head of the Personnel Board will rank with the directors of the Boards of Legislation and Investigation, the existing subsidiary agencies of the Cabinet.

Minister Reform Plan

In keeping with the general movement for reorganization, the Minseito, majority party in the Lower House, has decided to broaden the basis of its popular appeal by arranging a control plan whereby the public will be apprised of how its funds are spent and its policies determined. The plan, already approved by the party's president, Mr. G. Machida, will be put to the vote at the party convention on January 20. It is designed to silence criticism previously emphasized, regarding alleged misappropriations. The scheme entails a control board of five stewards and a "flying squad" for prompt investigations of any grievances voiced in the provinces. An organising committee will commence the task of buttressing the party's ramifications throughout the country. If approved, the new scheme of reforms will be operating by April when new party officials are elected.

Rising Living Costs

Possibly even overshadowing present preparations to attack the Government through criticism of its foreign policy and particularly the accord with Germany against Comintern activities, Japanese parliamentarians are seeking on the more general appeal in the rapid rise in the cost of living as a more likely wedge to dislodge the Cabinet from power.

Party leaders blame the increase in prices to the record draft budget of ¥3,038,581,000 of which 46 per cent. goes to the fighting forces and they claim, the increases for civilian departments have been "blotted" to disguise that enormous proportion for the Army and Navy. This point will be stressed in the speech by Dr. K. Suzuki, president of the Seiyukai Party, at the party convention on January 20. The wording of his proposed speech led to a heated debate in which the moderates and radicals split but reformed their ranks on compromise.

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ANOTHER VESSEL FOUNDERS

26 Lost In North Sea Gale

Oslo, To-day.

The crew of 26 of the Finnish steamer, *Savomara*, perished when the ship foundered off Landoe on the Norwegian Coast during a heavy gale.

Shipping on the west and south coasts of Norway has had to be suspended owing to the prevailing conditions.

The town of Stavanger is completely isolated by snow and blizzards. Train communication between Oslo and Bergen is still interrupted by snow and may not be restored before next Monday. *Trans-Ocean.*

COAL COOLIES ON STRIKE

Higher Pay Demand In Canton

Canton, To-day.

Having failed to obtain an increase of pay from 20 cents to 52 cents per ton from the coal merchants, coal transportation coolies, in Canton began a strike yesterday.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

NEW TANKS FOR U.S. ARMY

250 IN NEXT 3 YEARS

The American Army is to purchase 250 tanks during the next three years.

The new tank is reported to have a 260 h.p. radial air-cooled engine, and is armed with three machine-guns and a number of Thompson sub-machine-guns. Its tonnage is not stated.

United States troops entered the war without any tanks of their own and were supplied by the French and ourselves with over 1,000 of different makes.

They still have the French Renault tank and a number of our medium ones, but these are now obsolete and useless.

They have not always been successful in their experimental designs. The Christie tank, which can move either on wheels or tracks, was reputed to have a wonderful performance across country, but it has developed a number of defects.

VOLUNTEER BILL PASSED

A Paris message states that the French senate, following the example of the Chamber, to-day unanimously voted the bill empowering the Government to ban volunteers proceeding to Spain.—*British Wireless.*

MR. EDEN IN GENEVA

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden arrived in Geneva this morning. The League Council meet in private this evening to discuss its agenda. During the day, the rapporteur on the Alexandretta question, the Swedish Foreign Minister, had conversations with the Turkish and French delegates.—*British Wireless.*

GERMAN TRADE WITH HER FORMER COLONIES

Berlin, To-day.

The most favoured nation clause for the import of German commodities into Togoland and the Cameroons has been extended to cover a further period of three months, namely to April 20 next.—*Trans-Ocean.*

RUGS LEFT AT CLEANERS PAWNED

Detectives of the Shanghai Municipal Police force are said to be looking for Mr. George Korff, believed to be an unrecognized American of Russian parentage. The man disappeared from Shanghai more than one week ago.

Head of the Korff Carpet Cleaning Company, 1551 Bubbling Well Road, the man is sought in connection with the misappropriation of 33 rugs, valued at more than \$10,000. The rugs had been assigned to his care for cleaning, it is alleged, but instead of being cleaned, they were taken to a pawn shop.

Thus far, seven complaints have been filed against Korff. The signers of these complaints are officials of the Foreign Y.M.C.A., Nichols Rug Company, the Carrivan Studios, Park Hotel, the Petite Rug Company, Mr. J. W. White, and Anderson, Meyer and Company and Major Swindler of the 4th U.S. Marine.

The rugs were pawned about three weeks ago, but all have been recovered, at the expense of the owners. The rugs were pawned for about \$600, only a fraction of their real value.

FLU SCOURGE FEARED IN FAR EAST

SHANGHAI ISSUES WARNING

A warning that the influenza epidemic in Europe and on the American continent may spread to Shanghai has been issued by the Public Health Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Various precautionary measures which should be taken in case of a common cold, which may be the beginning of influenza, are given in the warning.

Although no figures have yet been received from America, the influenza outbreak there has also assumed widespread proportions.

The warning follows:

"The public no doubt is not unaware of the prevalence of influenza both in Europe and of the American continent. Information in the hands of the Public Health Department indicates that the epidemic has not yet reached its maximum.

"Great Britain, in particular, is suffering more severely than other countries and has a heavy fatality rate. The presence of the disease on the Pacific coast of America is, however, of greater importance to this Town since past experience of influenza has shown only too clearly how influenza may, in the space of a couple of weeks, spread from one continent to another, finally becoming a world-wide disease as occurred in the pandemic of 1918-1919, and since increasing rapidity of inter-continental communication is the most outstanding feature of modern civilization, the Public Health Department considers a few words of advice and warning desirable.

Cold Requires Attention

"From the point of view of the patient there is little difference between the onset of influenza and a common cold; hence when influenza is prevalent in a community it is undesirable to treat a cold casually. Any person feeling a cold coming on should, particularly if the cold is accompanied by any marked rise in temperature, go to bed at the earliest opportunity, taking such domestic remedies as have by experience been found to be of service. If the rest does not prove beneficial, medical advice should be sought at the earliest opportunity. Many of the more serious after effects of influenza are due to the patient 'sticking it out,' forgetful of the old adage, 'a stitch in time,' with the result that a short absence from work is converted into a longer illness.

"Certain precautions should be carefully observed to prevent 'chills' and 'colds.' Avoid overheated rooms, especially those centrally heated, a form of heating which dries the delicate lining of the respiratory system and renders infection more liable. Avoid draughts and wear warm clothing. Do not go directly from a very warm room into the open air without extra clothes.

"After taking exercise before bathing, put on extra clothing until sweating has ceased.

"Nose Most Important

"Gargles and irrigants have a place in the prevention of influenza but it is important to remember that the nose is the important protection against respiratory diseases and that this line is more easily penetrated after the nasal membrane has been overworked, as occurs in crowded and overheated places such as theatres, cinemas, public conveyances, etc.

"The actual formula of a gargle is of slight importance; in fact a salt and water gargle (½ teaspoonful of common salt to ½ pint warm water) is regarded as adequate by many authorities. This same formula may be used for douching the nose, but it is considered by some that either olive oil or a petroleum oil with a trace of Eucalyptus, or other suitable mild antiseptic, of any oily nature, is less damaging to the nasal membranes. This is best inserted warm into the nose with a medicinal dropper, the head being thrown well back to enable the fluid to penetrate to the back of the throat.

"While gauze masks protecting the nose have a value, it is questionable whether the public is ever likely to adopt them except under the threat of a greater danger than is apparent at the present time.

"Finally, when influenza threatens it is undesirable to undermine the constitution by late nights."



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ROOSEVELT MAY INTERVENE

Deadlock In Motor Trade Strike

Washington, To-day.
Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of the Labour Department, yesterday twice conferred with Mr. John Lewis and motor trade union leaders.

It is believed that Mr. Roosevelt will be forced to intervene if the deadlock continues, despite his known reluctance to take any such action.—Reuter.

FORD AND CHRYSLER THREATENED

Later: In the midst of the negotiations, Mr. Lewis has issued a defiant statement that the United Automobile Workers Union will tackle the Ford and Chrysler factories as soon as the present strike is won.

He added that there will be no half-baked compromise in the General Motors strike.

Meantime, a shortage of glass has resulted in the placing of the Chrysler factories in Detroit on a part-time basis, fifty thousand employees being effected.—Reuter.

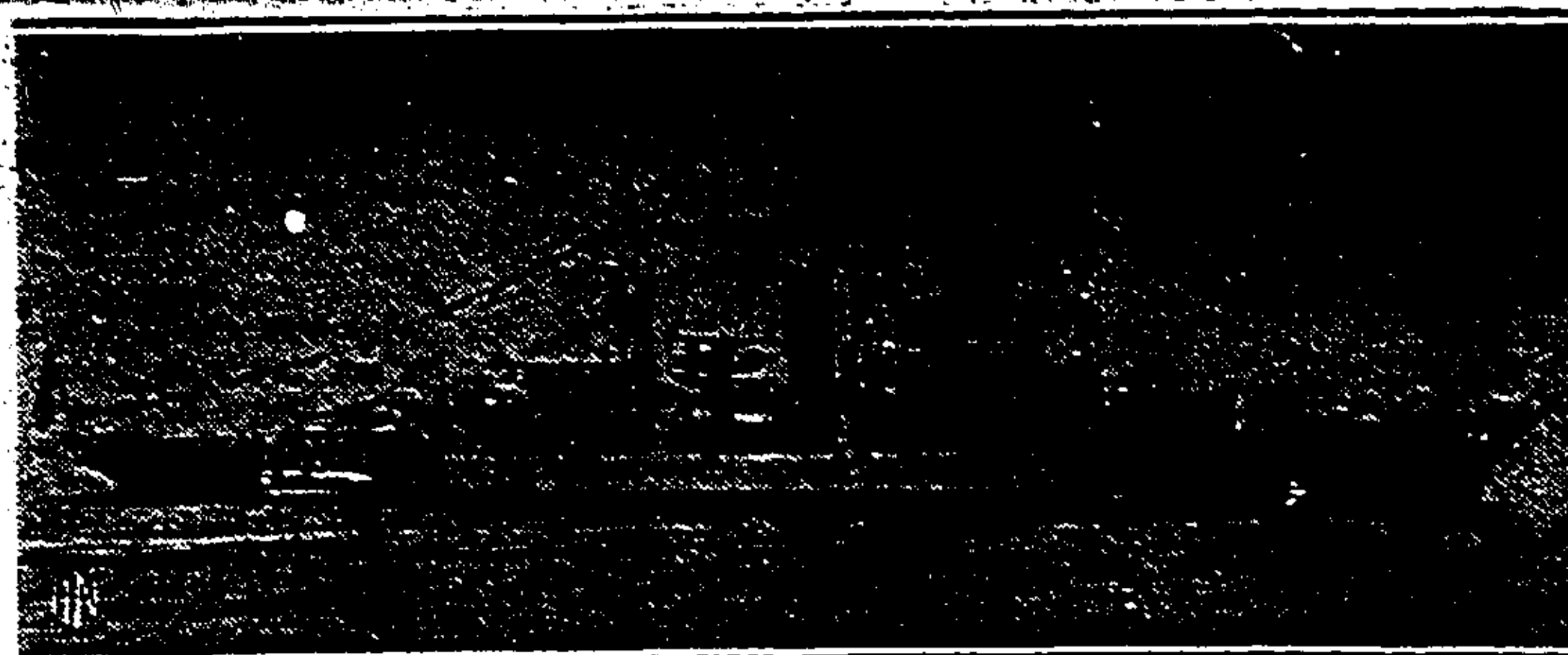
NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM

Speculation Refuted In Berlin

Berlin, To-day.
The possibility of an impending declaration by Germany on Belgian neutrality is being discussed in French and British papers.

There is no real basis for these speculations, Trans-Ocean learns from German political circles.

It is pointed out here that (Continued at foot of next Col.)



The huge Spanish cruiser Espana, which carries eight 12-inch guns, fired seven shots at the United States gunboat Erie (shown above) near Port Muel, off the northern coast of Spain. The shots went wide, and the Espana steamed off at full speed when sailors of the Erie were piped to their stations and uncovered the ship's 5-inch guns. Officials of the Spanish loyalist government have launched an investigation.

CHINA PROGRESSING TO WAR?

AMAH SENTENCED

Receiving Stolen Property

A dismissed amah was brought before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on alternative charges of stealing and receiving property belonging to Mrs. Ratcliffe, of 11 Tak Shing Street, top floor, in whose employ she once had been.

On Wednesday Nawab Khan, P.C.E. 385, met the amah coming out of a building at the corner of Austin Road and Cox's Road, carrying something wrapped in a pillow-case under her arm.

On investigation, he found the bundle to contain six silver knives, two silver plates, a pewter pot, a glass rose bowl, and a thermos flask. Mrs. Ratcliffe was notified, and at the Yumati Police Station she identified the articles as belonging to her. They were valued at \$72.

Mrs. Ratcliffe said defendant used to be her wash amah, and had been discharged about three weeks ago. The stolen articles had been in the dining room.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

SIR FREDERICK LEITH ROSS

Results Of Mission In Far East

London, To-day.

Asked by Mr. H. Day (Lab.) in the House of Commons yesterday to give particulars of the results of Sir Frederick Leith Ross's mission to China, Viscount Cranborne, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that in the course of the Mission to the Far East, Sir Frederick Leith Ross visited Tokyo twice.

These visits, he added, afforded Sir Frederick with a very useful opportunity for an exchange of views on financial and economic questions of common interest to the United Kingdom and Japan, but Sir Frederick was not commissioned to negotiate on any particular points and in fact did not conclude any agreement.—Reuter.

Chancellor Hitler, in his Reichstag speech of March last, expressed Germany's willingness to conclude a non-aggression pact also with Belgium. There was, however, no immediate inducement for this as long as the plan for a Western Pact was still under discussion, which, in the event of its realisation, would render any special arrangements as unnecessary. Berlin political circles add that general and political conditions have so far not changed since that Reichstag speech.—Trans-Ocean.

FORCES THAT MAY LEAD TO WAR

WRITER'S SPEECH IN SHANGHAI

Characterizing the western world as being caught in a tide which is carrying it toward war, Mr. Nathaniel Peffer, noted writer and lecturer on the Far East, voices the question whether China, too, is not giving free rein to the same forces which is carrying the western nations to the brink of another session of bloodshed.

It was put by Mr. Peffer at a tiffin meeting of the Pan-Pacific Association in Shanghai at which the association and the China Institute of International Relations were hosts to the well-known writer. Mr. Peffer returned to China a week or two ago after an absence of seven years to gather material for a new book on the Far East.

The eastern and western hemispheres are coming closer together, in his opinion.

U. S. Misinformed
In America the people now have much more information about China. Nearly all of their information is inaccurate, however. "I am not so sure that information must be entirely accurate to be of value," he continued. "At least their information on the Far East stimulates an interest in the Orient."

The same forces are also working at present in both parts of the world. At the moment at least these forces seem to be potentially destructive.

The whole world is mutually interrelated, "The German-Japanese alliance is but an exclamation point after a fact that is already in existence."

What is happening in the world to-day, he said, is essentially the cumulative effect of the industrial revolution, the scientific revolution, modernism, or whatever man may choose to call it.

West Also Has Crisis
"Many books and articles have been written about the crisis in the East. Yet, at the moment, it is a greater question whether the western hemisphere will survive in its present form," he declared.

"I don't think that we will destroy ourselves, but the form of western civilization will probably undergo a marked change."

This crisis has been brought about by two important trends, he said. One has been the exaggerated nationalism during the past 125 years since the Napoleonic Wars. The other has been the too rapid development of natural resources without regard of the social consequences.

These two trends have caused the western world to be caught in

GIVEN A CHANCE

Eloquent Plea For Police Clerk

A sentence of a day's imprisonment was imposed by Mr. J. A. Fraser at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on Yacob Juman Khan, an Indian clerk aged 26, employed in the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters, who was accused of the larceny of \$100 from the Accounts Office, while employed as a public servant, on January 15.

Defendant was represented by Mr. A. el Arculli who said:

The defendant has been in the Government service for the last ten years, since November, 1927. He is quite a young man—being only 26 years of age. He is married and has a young wife and two children, aged respectively four and five years, to support. As a Government servant, he has contributed to the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund for the last eight years. He has been a Volunteer, and at present is in the Police Reserve.

Defendant says he saw the \$100 note on the ground of the Department where he was at the time, and picked it up. He admits that it is not a case of snatching or stealing in the ordinary sense of the word. He saw an opportunity and he fell.

a tide which is sweeping it toward another war.

Japan, according to Mr. Peffer, seems to have committed itself to the same course that is sweeping the western world toward a world conflict. Japan also has become nationalistic, militaristic, imperialistic. Japan has also become industrialized in much the same way that the western nations have become industrial nations.

Mr. Peffer then dropped into a series of questions asking whether China is aware where the western world is and why, and whether China is aware where it is itself going.

Looking at China from the outside, he said, China seems to be pursuing industrial development at a tempo very much like that of the western nations.

Nationalism Exaggerated

China, also, seems to be developing an exaggerated nationalism similar to that in Europe. This rise of nationalism has been spurred by the abuses suffered by China not only during the past several years, but during the past hundred years.

These are the same two trends that have unleashed forces in the west which many thinking people are now trying to stop. Whether the Chinese will awake to these tendencies and think out where China is or should be headed for was the vital question for China.

BIRTHDAY OF DR. SCHACHT

Germany's Leading Economist

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, who has been one of the most prominent figures in world news recently, notably in connection with his pronouncements on Germany's colonial aspirations, celebrates his 60th birthday to-day.

President of the Reichsbank and Minister of Economics for the Reich and Prussia, Dr. Schacht is the son of a merchant, Herr William Schacht and his wife Constance who before her marriage was Baroness von Eggers.

After completing his University courses, Dr. Schacht engaged on a variety of occupations both practical and theoretical. In 1900 he was assistant in the Department at Berlin concerned with the working out of commercial treaties and from 1901 onwards business manager of the Association itself; in addition he worked for a number of years as economic collaborating expert on the Prussian annals. In 1903 he took over the management of the economic section of the Dresdner Bank; in 1908 he became acting-chairman of this institute. The early war years saw him financial and currency advisor to the Banking section of the Central German Government in Brussels. In 1916 he resigned from his post at the Dresdner Bank and became governing director on the Board of the National Bank of Germany and in 1922 with the fusion of the latter with the Darmstadter Bank, was managing partner of the newly formed Darmstadter and National bank.

Reparations Expert

On November 12, 1923, he was appointed Reich Commissar for currency affairs and in this position effected the stabilization of the Mark. He most ably represented German interests at the discussions of the Dawes Committee in connection with the intended transformation of the Reichsbank.

More especially is he known for his unwavering opposition to the unsound accretion of foreign credits and the economic madness of reparation payments.

At the Paris Conference in 1929 which was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. Young, with the aim of finding some final solution to the reparation problem, Dr. Schacht was Germany's chief delegate. On April 2, 1930, he resigned from office as President of the Reichsbank being unable to support the German policy of that time in the matter of reparations.

He has been Herr Hitler's closest collaborator in the realm of economics in the last few years.

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